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Renovations Transform Clark Park into First Class Neighborhood Recreation Hub

By EL CENTRAL Staff

Some days go down as more memorable than others because of their impact on a community, and the reopening of historic Clark Park in the heart of Southwest Detroit last week was one such occasion..

On Thursday, June 22, Mayor Mike Duggan joined community leaders, residents, and local philanthropic organizations to celebrate the completion of the newly renovated Clark Park in Southwest Detroit. A community anchor since the 1800s, the nearly $4 million refresh of the 30-acre park includes new modern amenities, including a splash pad and an ADA-friendly playground, making it one of Detroit's most inclusive public parks.

"Clark Park has long been a place where people gather, play, and build long-lasting memories," said Anthony Benavides, Director of the Clark Park Coalition. "With the help of the City and generous corporate and philanthropic donors, our community youth and residents have more opportunities to play safely and learn new sports. These investments support the park's vibrancy and help Clark Park be a place that builds community pride."

Benavides stressed the significance of the renovations to the residents of Southwest Detroit. "The children and families of southwest Detroit now have first rate play areas that they can be proud of. Families no longer have to drive out of their neighborhood to find a splash pad on a hot day or an accessible play area. We now have new sports courts for futsal and pickleball that both children and adults can learn quickly and enjoy."

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A community commitment: From left, JJ Velez, Director of Public Spaces, Gilbert Family Foundation, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Anthony Benavides, Director, Clark Park Coalition and Maureen Anway, Vice President Program Evaluation, Invest Detroit, joined by neighborhood children, officially open the newly renovated park. Photo and caption by Alejandro Ugalde/ Kopalli Media

Clark Park se ha transformado en un Centro recreacional de primera clase

Por Personal de EL CENTRAL

Algunos días impactan más que otros en las comunidades, y la reapertura del histórico Clark Park en el corazón del suroeste de Detroit la semana pasada, fue uno de esos.

El jueves 22 de junio, el alcalde Mike Duggan se unió a líderes comunitarios, residentes y organizaciones filantrópicas locales para celebrar la finalización del recientemente renovado Clark Park en el suroeste de Detroit. Éste ancla de la comunidad, data del siglo XIX, la renovación del parque de 30 acres tuvo un costo de casi $4 millones, que incluye modernización con un área de juegos acuáticos y un área de juegos compatible con personas con discapacidad, lo que lo convierte en uno de los parques públicos más inclusivos de Detroit.

"Clark Park ha sido durante mucho tiempo un lugar donde la gente se reúne, juega y crea recuerdos duraderos", mencionó Anthony Benavides, director de Clark Park Coalition.

"Con la ayuda de la Ciudad y generosos donantes corporativos y filantrópicos, los jóvenes y residentes de nuestra comunidad tienen más oportunidades de jugar de manera segura y aprender nuevos deportes. Estas inversiones respaldan la vitalidad del parque y ayudan a Clark Park a ser un lugar que genere orgullo en la comunidad".

Benavides destacó la importancia de las renovaciones para los residentes del suroeste de Detroit. "Los niños y las familias del suroeste de Detroit ahora tienen áreas de juego de primer nivel de las que pueden estar orgullosos. Las familias ya no tienen que conducir fuera de su vecindario para encontrar juegos acuáticos en un día caluroso o un área de juegos accesible. Ahora contamos con nuevas canchas deportivas para futbol sala y pickleball que tanto niños como adultos pueden aprender rápidamente y disfrutar".

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Children relishing the newly installed splash pad amenity in the park. Photo and caption by Alejandro Ugalde/ Kopalli Media

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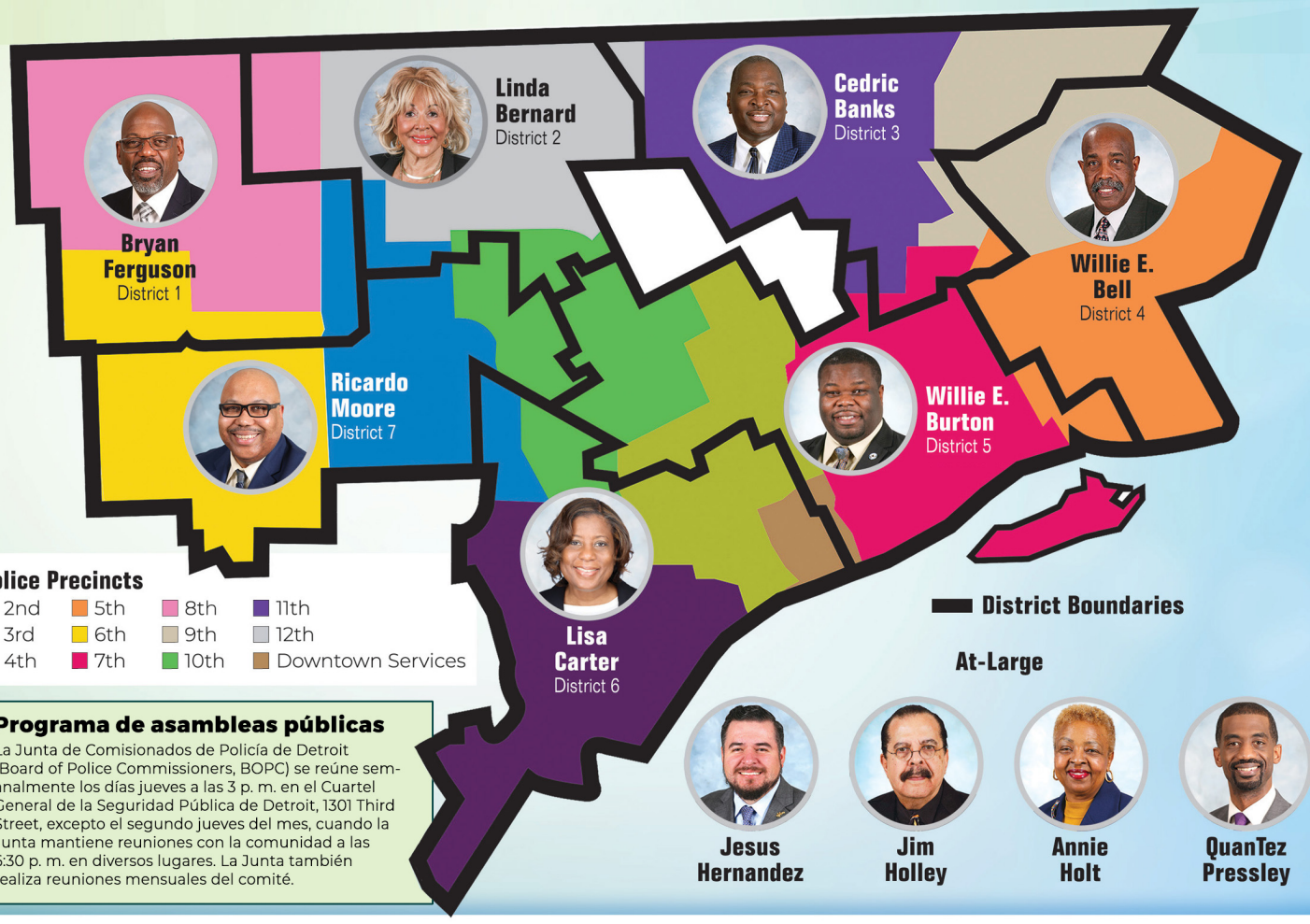

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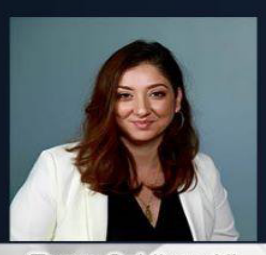
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A Celebration of Msgr. Clement Kern's 40th Anniversary of His Passing

By: Ozzie Rivera

August 15th, 2023 at 7pm there will be a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the passing of legendary labor and community activist priest Msgr. Clement Kern. The celebration will be held at Most Holy Trinity Church, located at 1050 Porter Street in Detroit's Corktown community, his home parish for decades.

During his tenure as the parish priest, the church would become a well-known center from which he would minister to the poor and the Mexican American and Puerto Rican community. His advocacy would lead to the establishment of a wide array of community, civic, social services, fraternal, labor, Latino and other organizations, many which exist to this date. Presiding over the mass will be southwest Detroit's own native and now Newark, New Jersey's Cardinal Joseph Tobin. Co-celebrants include Msgr. Charles Kosanke and Father Tom Sutherland. The lead organization for this celebration is the Father Clement H. Kern Foundation.

In a previous EL CENTRAL article (March 23, 2023) I briefly detailed my and others' recollections of Kern's community-based work. One of the founding and still active members of Father Kern Foundation, the legendary Vic Venegas, met with Roberto Munoz and myself to discuss the August 15th memorial mass and to share at length the impact Msgr. Kern had on them personally. It turned out to be a free-wheeling conversation of over 2 1/2 hours with Vic and Roberto.

First some background on these two individuals. Roberto Munoz is a long-time historian, retired school counselor and community activist who over the years participated in a number of community and educational organizations and helped found Casa de Unidad before retiring as a school counselor at Western High in southwest Detroit. Additionally, he played a major role in documenting the impact widespread repatriation of Mexicans and Mexican Americans during the Great Depression had on our Detroit community.

Many of us who grew up in the Corktown community during the late 50's, into the 60's and early 70's will recognize Vic Venegas' name. He was a tireless youth leader and coach and for a while served as the director of Casa Maria located on the intersection of Labrosse and Trumbull. It is no exaggeration to say Vic was revered by many young people during his tenure there and that he personally impacted hundreds of youth in his lifetime of community work.

Father Kern arrived at Most Holy Trinity in 1943. Vic who started kindergarten there in 1947 remembers that in his 1st grade Father Kern would come in to meet the kids. The second time Vic saw Father Kern he asked him to be an altar boy. It would not be long before Vic would accompany Father Kern on numerous chores and projects. As Vic got older, he was assigned more important responsibilities. In that process he was mentored by Father Kern. His guidance led Venegas, in his early teens, to organize and coach area youth.

In 1961, Father Kern asked Venegas to take over the sports program at Holy Trinity when he was 19. At age 22 he was appointed President of Holy Trinity's Credit Union. Soon Vic caught the attention of the League of Catholic Women which operated the Casa Maria community center and in 1968 they asked him to assume the position of director when he was 26. By then he was coaching three sports and had developed a community reputation. After assuming the directorship, he expanded its programming and impact, hiring well known college athletes as a way to show Casa Maria youth they too could achieve success.

Vic and Roberto reflected on Father Kern's strong desire for and practice in developing Latino leadership. He would go to Mexico every February to further his appreciation of the country's culture and language and in return host Father Garcia who would come up from Mexico. Roberto Munoz mentioned that many in the community considered Kern "a Miracle Worker". In often unexpected ways he would secure resources enabling him to provide basic needs to his parishioners and others. They discussed how in 1961 after the school was condemned, Father Kern went to Teamster Union President Jimmy Hoffa who secured $250,000 for the building of a new school.

Kern would attend every labor event he possibly could thus becoming known as Detroit's labor priest. Due to his friendship with union leaders like Marta Wolfgang at the Waitress/Waiters Union and Paul Allen with the Steelworkers Union among others he would "put in calls" to secure jobs for those in need. He built relationships with religious leaders of other faiths such as Rabbi Hertz who organized clothing drives for the parish. His work with the homeless and alcoholics was notable. He was a regular fixture on nearby "Skid Row". Father Kern would secure burial plots for Skid Row residents who had recently passed away. This commitment

From left - Vic Venegas and Roberto Munoz

and care led him to help start Alcoholics Anonymous chapters in the city.

Interestingly Father Kern could easily mingle with the well to do and politicians. He was known to first attend a Ford family event or wedding and that same night make an appearance on "skid row". Roberto Munoz recalled that sometime in the late 60's or early 70's one of the city's major newspapers listed Father Kern as one of the top five "movers and shakers" in the metro Detroit area. They laughed as they discussed Father Kern's "Shakedown Society". Father Kern was adept in getting donations from top business leaders like Henry Ford, politicians like Mayor Cavanaugh, union leaders, business owners etc.

As we finished reflecting on Father Kern's legacy, they emphasized the need to keep Father Kern's memory alive. Vic stated "Father Kern believed in us and that a practical way we can continue his work is by donating to the Father Kern Foundation which in turn gives financial support to numerous community-based organizations". They encourage people to come to the August 15th mass at Holy Trinity. They noted he was especially supportive of the

Msgr. Clement Kern

Latino community and that it is important for us, many who came out of poverty and who celebrate our roots in Corktown, to give back to our communities.

For more information on the Msgr. Kern 40th Anniversary Mass, you can call Vic Venegas at (313) 682-1820

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Equity in Action: The Construction & Demolition Department is hosting a Facilities Management and Capital Planning outreach event to encourage contractor diversity and process transparency. We will provide an overview of upcoming projects, outline the procurement process, and offer valuable networking opportunities for contractors interested in working with the City of Detroit.

Upcoming projects include renovations to recreation centers and pools, the Detroit Fire Department annex, police precincts and parking lot improvements.

WHO: LaJuan Counts, Executive Director, Construction & Demolition Department Toni Stewart-Limmitt, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer Rhea Bautista, Capital Planning Manager

WHAT: This is one of several outreach events hosted by City leaders over the last year to provide vital information on the contracting and procurement process, and encourage Detroit-based and minority-owned businesses to take part in City of Detroit bid opportunities.

WHERE: Wayne County Community College Eastern Campus. 5901 Conner St, Detroit, MI 48213.

WHEN: Thursday, June 29 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

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Orpheus and Eurydice

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Throughout the centuries, in every social movement where repression has had a place, in principle poetry and theater have been the most attacked expressions. For many, this type of behavior may seem mysterious, however, we can see that in theatricality comes the ability to disseminate, as we can currently see on social media with the content of the

videos; and in poetry come the deep feelings of the spirit that go to the musical lyric, well, who of us has not found themselves in a song by Selena Quintanilla? Or Aretha Franklin? Who has not had an Amor Prohibido or a love story as the one sang in Cómo la Flor?

An ancient Greek legend tells that the God Apollo, god of music and oracles, had a son with the muse Calliope, whom they named Ὀρφεύς, Orfeus, Orfeo.

Orpheus had the sweetest voice capable of moving all kinds of creatures, even the gods. Orpheus accompanied his songs with the melodies of that lyre that Apollo himself had given him, that little guitar in the shape of a horseshoe harp.

It was, then, Orpheus who brought calm and splendor to every place where he approached, and for this reason, he himself accompanied the heroes to calm the beasts, sirens and other types of difficulties.

After her travels, he returned to Thrace, where he met the nymph Eurydice, with whom he fell deeply in love, as did she.

Orpheus and Eurydice walked through all the gardens and islands of Greece. Eurydice bathed together with other nymphs in the sweet waters while Orpheus sang the most beautiful melodies.

One afternoon they decided to consummate their love in a wedding. During her celebration, a poisonous snake bit Eurydice on her leg, leading her to an immediate and sudden death.

Orpheus who was deeply in love, seeing Eurydice die, Orpheus could not contain himself and went down to the underworld of the dead to talk to Hades.

Orpheus asked Hades to allow him to go down to the well of the souls of the dead and rescue Eurydice.

Hades told him that he would give him a chance on one condition and that he would be absolutely strict, Orpheus had to go down to the well of the dead to look for Eurydice and that once he found her he had to take her by the hand to rescue her, but if at any time he doubted if she followed after him, prompting him to look back, at that moment Eurydice would be lost and die forever.

Orpheus accepted and went down to the well of the dead to find Eurydice. He searched for her until he found her, when he found her, he swam with her from her hand to get out of her and bring her back into her life. However, when he was about to leave her, he doubted if Eurydice was still holding her hand, so he turned his gaze and at that very moment Eurydice slipped her hand, getting lost among the marsh of souls.

Orpheus went out wailing to beg Hades for another chance, but Hades had explained to him at first that it would be irreversible, that he would not allow a change in the rules, so no matter how much Orpheus asked, Hades denied a second chance.

Orpheus went up to the world of the living, where his melodies became the most nostalgic and full of melancholy

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Orfeo y Eurídice

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A lo largo de los siglos, en cada movimiento social donde la represión ha tenido cabida, en principio la poesía y el teatro han sido las expresiones más atacadas. Para muchos puede parecer misterioso este tipo de comportamiento, no obstante, podemos ver que en la teatralidad viene la capacidad de difundir, como podemos ver actualmente en redes sociales con el contenido de los videos; y en la poesía vienen los sentimientos profundos del espíritu que se van a la lírica musical, pues, ¿Quién de nosotros no se ha

encontrado en una canción de Selena Quintanilla? ¿o de Aretha franklin? ¿Quién no ha tenido un Amor Prohibido o un amor Como la Flor?

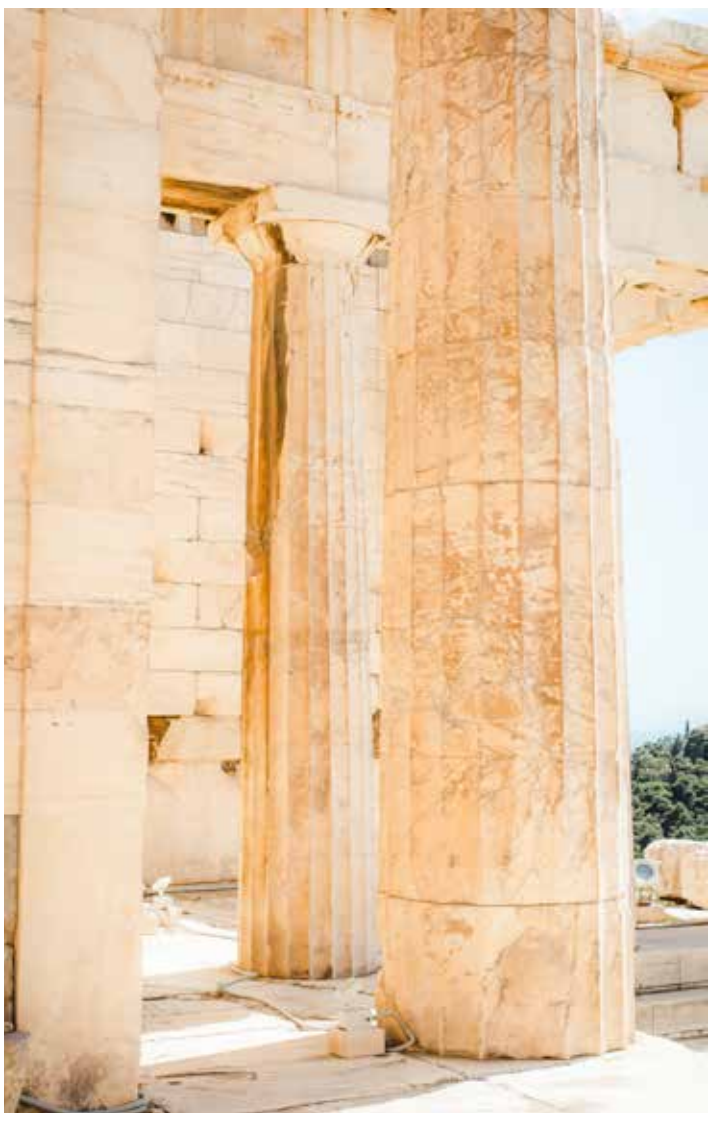
Cuenta una leyenda de la antigua Grecia que el Dios Apolo, dios de la música y los oráculos, tuvo un hijo con la musa Calíope, al cual nombraron Ὀρφεύς, Orfeus, Orfeo.

Orfeo tenía la voz más dulce capaz de conmover a todo tipo de criaturas, incluso a los dioses. Orfeo acompañaba sus cantos con las melodías de aquella lira que el mismo Apolo le había regalado, esa guitarrilla en forma de arpa herradura.

Era, pues, Orfeo quien traía calma y esplendor a todo lugar donde se acercaba, y por ello, él mismo acompañaba a los héroes a calmar las bestias, sirenas y otro tipo de dificultades.

Después de sus viajes, volvió a Tracia, donde conoció a la ninfa Eurídice, de quien quedó profundamente enamorado, al igual que ella.

Orfeo y Eurídice paseaban por todos los jardines y las islas de Grecia. Eurídice se bañaba junto con otras ninfas en las aguas dulces mientras Orfeo cantaba las melodías más hermosas.



Una tarde decidieron consumar su amor en un casamiento. Durante la celebración una serpiente venenosa mordió en la pierna a Eurídice llevándola a una muerte inmediata y fulminante.

Orfeo que estaba profundamente enamorado, al ver morir a Eurídice, Orfeo no pudo contenerse y bajó al inframundo de los muertos para hablar con Hades.

Orfeo le pidió a Hades que le permitiera bajar al pozo de las almas de los muertos y rescatar Eurídice.

Hades le dijo que le daría una oportunidad con una condición y que sería absolutamente estricto, Orfeo debía bajar al pozo de los muertos a buscar a Eurídice y que una vez que la encontrara debía tomarla de la mano para rescatarla, pero si en algún momento dudaba si ella seguía tras él, impulsándolo a mirar atrás, en ese instante Eurídice se perdería y moriría para siempre.

Orfeo aceptó y bajó al pozo de los muertos para

encontrar a Eurídice. La buscó hasta encontrarla, cuando la encontró nadó con ella de la mano para salir y traerla de nuevo a la vida. Sin embargo, cuando estaba a poco, nada de salir, dudó si Eurídice aún venía de su mano, así que volvió la mirada y en ese mismo instante Eurídice deslizó su mano perdiéndose entre la marisma de almas.

Orfeo salió entre lamentos a suplicar a Hades otra oportunidad, pero Hades le había explicado en un principio que sería irreversible, que no permitiría hacer un cambio en las reglas, de manera que por más que Orfeo pidió, Hades negó una segunda oportunidad.

Orfeo subió al mundo de los vivos, donde sus melodías pasaron a ser las más nostálgicas y llenas de melancolía.

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CULTURAS LATINOAMERICANAS,

by Mariana Ayón RV

Community Feedback Wanted

2023 Community Benefits Programming Investment Survey

The Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan includes the Neighborhood Infrastructure Strategy, a $20 million (CDN) investment in the local communities of Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit. With approximately 18 months remaining in the Community Benefits Plan implementation, the project team plans to invest up to $1.5 million to add new programming initiatives. Reserving the right not to allocate the total.

In spring 2023, the project team consulted with key community stakeholders to develop a shortlist of programming investment areas that are relevant to the objectives of the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan and align with the current priorities of the host communities.

The project team seeks community feedback to help identify priorities for programming for the Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit neighborhoods in 2023.

Please complete the survey to help guide these investments.

For English, go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6KKB9CN

You may also complete a paper copy of the survey at:

• the John Muir Library in Sandwich at 363 Mill Street, Windsor, ON or Sandwich Community Office at 3201 Sandwich Street, Windsor, ON

• Community Health and Social Services (CHASS) Center in Southwest Detroit at 5635 W Fort St, Detroit, MI or the Southwest Detroit Community Office at 7744 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI

The survey closes on Wednesday July 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS INVESTMENT SURVEY
Up to $1.5 million of Community Benefits Plan funding may be invested into community programming initiatives.
The project team is seeking community feedback to identify programming priorities.
Complete the survey to help guide the 2023 investment areas for the host communities.
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Encuesta de inversión en programas de beneficios comunitarios de 2023

El Plan de Beneficios para la comunidad del proyecto del Puente Internacional Gordie Howe incluye la Estrategia de infraestructura en las comunidades, una inversión de $20 millones (CAD) en las comunidades locales de Sandwich/oeste de Windsor y Delray/suroeste de Detroit. Con aproximadamente 18 meses restantes en la implementación del Plan de Beneficios para la comunidad, el equipo del proyecto planea invertir hasta $1.5 millones para agregar nuevas iniciativas de programas.

En la primavera de 2023, el equipo del proyecto consultó con las partes interesadas clave de la comunidad para desarrollar una lista corta de áreas de inversión en programas relevantes para los objetivos del Plan de Beneficios para la comunidad del Puente Internacional Gordie Howe y que se alineen con las prioridades actuales de las comunidades anfitrionas.

El equipo del proyecto quiere la opinión de la comunidad para ayudar a identificar las prioridades para programas en las comunidades de Sandwich/oeste de Windsor y Delray/suroeste de Detroit en 2023. Realice la encuesta a continuación para ayudar a guiar estas inversiones.

Para la encuesta en Español, hágase clic en https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MS98M3X

Federal Funding Secured to Support High Speed Internet for More than 200,000 Michiganders

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced on Tuesday, June 27 that Michigan is set to receive over $1.5 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to expand high-speed internet access and digital equity to over 200,000 Michiganders in unserved and underserved areas across the state.

Funding for this program comes from the $65 billion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and will help close the digital divide and help ensure Michigan residents have access to affordable, reliable and high-speed internet.

Michigan received fourth-highest grant funding in the nation to expand high-speed internet to households and small businesses.

“Today, we have won a game-changing investment to expand access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet to 210,000 more homes across Michigan,” said Governor Whitmer. “We are focused on helping anyone ‘Make it in Michigan,’ with a comprehensive view on economic development that wins projects, invests in people, and revitalizes places. Today’s win will expand economic opportunity for Michiganders and build on the over $700 million in high-speed internet federal funding we have leveraged and $249 million we invested with the bipartisan Building Michigan Together Plan last year. Let’s keep working together to connect more families and small businesses to fast, reliable high-speed internet that meets their needs, lowers their costs, and grows our economy.”

Each state and territory received a minimum of $100 million and the remainder of their allocation is based on the number of locations currently unserved by high-speed internet as identified on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) National Broadband Map.

“Today’s announcement is going to play a major part in closing the digital divide and connecting Michiganders to education, health care and economic opportunity,” said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. “Governor Whitmer and I are committed to expanding access to high-speed internet throughout Michigan and will continue working with anyone to connect Michigan families and small businesses and grow our economy.”

"Access to high-speed internet means access to jobs, education, and healthcare. These investments in high-speed internet infrastructure will mean that even the most remote areas of Michigan have equitable access to high-speed internet," said Zachary Kolodin, Michigan’s Chief Infrastructure Office and Director of the Michigan Infrastructure Office. "The federal funding we've received from the BEAD program will allow us to connect more than 200,000 underserved households to high-quality, high-speed internet, ensuring that every home in all of Michigan's 83 counties has broadband access."

“High speed internet isn’t a luxury, it’s an essential service that we need for everything from work, school, doctors’ visits, and paying our bills,” said Senator Debbie Stabenow. “With the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Senator Peters and I were able to ensure major investments like this to expand affordable, reliable broadband in Michigan. In partnership with Governor Whitmer and the Michigan High Speed Internet Office, this new infrastructure will allow for telemedicine, remote learning, and other services families and businesses rely on in Michigan.”

“Reliable, affordable high-speed internet is critical for all Michiganders, including in unserved and underserved communities,” said Senator Gary Peters. “I’m pleased to help deliver this game-changing federal investment in high-speed internet to our state. This will make a big difference for families, workers, students and small businesses, including to those who currently lack access, and is important to economic opportunity and competitiveness.”

“Reliable internet access is essential for students, workers and small businesses to be successful in the global economy,” said Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-08). “I am proud to have passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve internet access in Michigan communities. In Congress, I will continue fighting to bring federal resources home to Michigan.”

“From telehealth to virtual learning, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted just how essential the internet is to our everyday lives, and just how many Americans still lack access to these basic resources,” said Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-6). “Expanding strong broadband internet access is a critical piece of bringing our infrastructure into the 21st century, and BEAD will help connect our communities who need it the most.”

Michigan will begin deploying the BEAD program funds mid to late 2024.

The Michigan High Speed Internet Office (MIHI) will finish the required BEAD 5-Year Action Plan that will set the vision, goals, and priorities for the implementation of the funds. Following the plan, MIHI will develop the BEAD Initial Proposal that will define the subgrant processes that will deploy the funds to achieve the universal availability of high-speed internet across the state.

“The MIHI team is thrilled to see the announcement of the BEAD program,” said Eric Frederick, Chief Connectivity Officer with the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office. “This grant is crucial to achieve affordable, reliable high-speed internet for all Michiganders and close the digital equity gap here in Michigan.”

Stay up to date on the progress of the BEAD program in Michigan by visiting the MIHI website at Michigan.gov/MIHI

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Flint's Latinx Technology and Community Center Dedicates New Second Floor Space and Playground

By Christiana Malacara

Latinx Technology and Community Center of Genesee County celebrated the opening of their second floor and playground installation with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 15th.

The community center is dedicated to enhancing the dignity and quality of life for Genesee County Latinx community members and beyond. LTCC is a nonprofit organization that provides language services, educational programs, and assists in job employment for the Latinx community.

The renovation of what was once a bank building has created over 2,000 square feet on the second floor. The space was designed for dance, music and language classes, office space rental, a state-of-the-art boardroom, and the office of the Executive Director, Asa Zuccaro.

Most of the classes are taught by outside nonprofits or small businesses who need a space that is safe and culturally comfortable. The project for the second floor was made possible by a $575,000 grant provided by the C.S. Mott Foundation. Jennifer Acree, program officer at the C.S. Mott Foundation, spoke at the ceremony on how community centers create change, “We did it because we know how important community centers are, what you see is more opportunities.”

The community playground was completed with assistance from Consumers Energy, which donated $80,000, in addition to other charitable local organizations.

Steve Wolbert is the CEO and co- founder of Social Impact Philanthropy and Investing (SIPI), a grassroots nonprofit that has worked with LTCC for several years. “I am more than proud to be here,” said Wolbert. “I am honored.” Wolbert commended the work of Zucarro and the LTCC board, on their hard work of growing the annual budget of $3,600 in 2018 to a $2 million budget for 2023.

In attendance was Flint Major Sheldon Neeley who has been a strong supporter of Latinx Technology and Community Center since the inception in 2018. “This represents a lighthouse of hope for those families that can come to a place to seek out resources and feel comfortable in," said Neeley. He said he believes offering opportunities to expand the horizon for residents will only increase the quality of life locally and statewide.

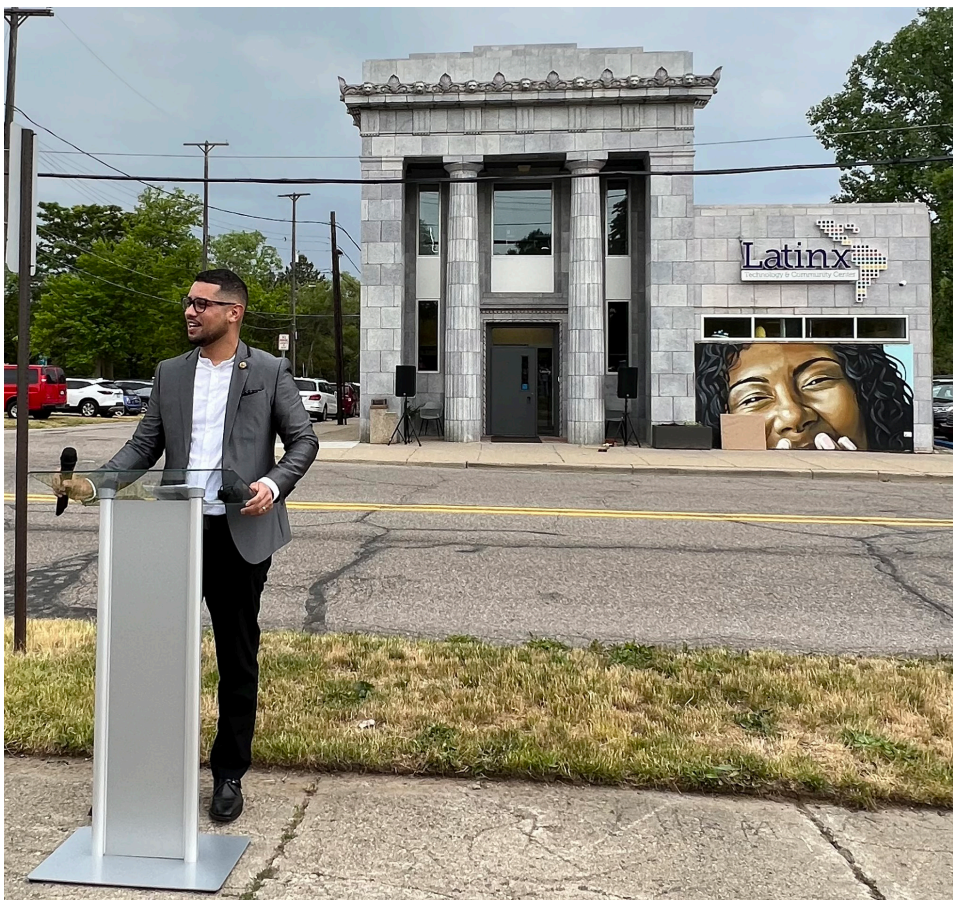
Approximately 1,200 people have received services from LTCC in the last quarter. The organization specializes in providing education classes to students of all grade school ages but has expanded into providing resources to adults looking for employment. In the last 30 days, they have assisted in the direct employment of over 30 Genesee County residents.

Zuccaro says it is the people who fuel him to keep aiming higher. “Here at the Center we aim to raise the standard of what is acceptable in serving communities of color.” He encourages those who have not been to Latinx Technology and Community Center to be curious, to explore, and to learn about them.

Latinx Technology and Community Center is located on 2101 Lewis St in Flint, MI. To learn more about Latinx Technology and Community Center visit their website at LatinxFlint.org

Christiana (Guerrero) Malacara is a 4th generation Mexican American who is native to the Saginaw area. She is a news reporter, marketing director and writer. She studied Fine arts at the Gwen Frostic School of Fine Art at Western Michigan University and has a passion for sharing good news. In 2023 she opened Third Eye Marketing a digital marketing LLC. Malacara wishes to bring awareness on how the Latino community contributes state wide. She does this by writing to share stories of greatness. Outside of work, she volunteers with local Latino nonprofits and enjoys attending Detroit Tigers games or walks around Belle Isle’s botanical garden with her family.

Latinx board members, Director and dance students cutting the ribbon to the new Latinx Community Playground



Executive Director Asa Zuccaro speaking in front of the Latinx Technology and Community Center

Latinx Technology and Community Center board members and Executive Director Asa Zuccaro at the ribbon cutting ceremony. From left, Ridgeway White, Kimberly Socfield, Raul Vargas, Jessica Flint, Jessica Gutierrez, Sixto Olivo, Mary Vizcarra, Ralph Arellano, Asa Zuccaro, Jennifer M.Acree

Clark Park Renovations

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And he added a special plea. "We ask for the community's help in keeping these new play areas clean by putting trash in receptacles, helping pick up litter or taking trash with you to dispose of. It's important to be an example for our children, said Benavides.

Colorful sports courts also round out the new play area's lively design and more spots to enjoy the park with family and friends. Additional park improvements include:

- New picnic shelter
- Sports courts (3 tennis courts, 1 futbal court, areas for bag toss and ping-pong, a junior basketball court, and outdoor fitness equipment)
- Vernor edge entrance landscaping
- New Park benches
- Trees installed along the edges of the park
- New amenity installation (trash can/recycling bins, tables, etc.)

The improvements to Clark Park come at a time when Southwest Detroit is seeing a major parks renaissance. This summer, the City will complete its transformation of Riverside Park and the new Ralph Wilson Centennial Park is under active construction, which will connect to the Joe Louis Greenway by way of the recently completed Southwest Greenway. On Wednesday, June 28, the City cut the ribbon on the $7 million renovation of Roosevelt Park, which bridges Mexicantown with Corktown in front of the new Michigan Central campus.

"The strongest neighborhoods are ones that have great park amenities and residents living near Clark Park now have a truly first-class neighborhood park they can walk or bike to," said Mayor Duggan. "We are fortunate to have had some tremendous philanthropic partners who have helped make this day possible."

Most of the funding for the extensive renovations to Clark Park were made possible thanks to $2.3 million from Invest Detroit through the Strategic Neighborhood Fund.

"Invest Detroit is proud to have been a part of the improvements to Clark Park," said Maureen Anway, Vice President of Program Evaluation at Invest Detroit. "We made these investments after extensive engagement and input from the neighbors and students. That engagement is a critical component of the ongoing success of the Strategic Neighborhood Fund."

Detroit's Strategic Neighborhood Fund, a $150 million initiative launched in 2016 by Mayor Duggan and Invest Detroit with a focus on leveraging investments in four key areas: improving parks, streetscapes, commercial corridors and single-family housing. All along the way, the plans are guided by resident input, empowering them to decide the future of their neighborhoods.

$965,000 in funding for the park renovations is coming from the City of Detroit, with the remainder of the project's funding coming from investments made by the Gilbert Family Foundation and the Kresge Foundation. The project also received financial support from the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Agreement.

"Our investments in public spaces like Clark Park create opportunities for residents to connect, improve their well-being, promote their overall health and strengthen their sense of community," said JJ Velez, Director of Public Spaces for the Gilbert Family Foundation. "Clark Park's massive renovation is especially significant, not only because it's one of Detroit's oldest and most utilized parks, but because it's deeply cherished by the community and the residents of Southwest Detroit."

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Agregó una súplica especial. "Pedimos la ayuda de la comunidad para mantener limpias estas áreas de juego colocando la basura en los recipientes, ayudando a recoger la basura o llevándosela. Es importante ser un ejemplo para nuestros hijos, dijo Benavides.

Las coloridas canchas deportivas también completan el diseño animado del área de juegos y lugares para disfrutar con familiares y amigos. Las mejoras adicionales del parque incluyen:

- Nueva estructura de pícnic
- Canchas deportivas (3 canchas de tenis, 1 de fútbol, áreas para lanzamiento de bolsas y ping-pong, cancha de baloncesto juvenil y equipo de gimnasia al aire libre)
- Paisajismo al lado del borde de la calle Vernor
- Más bancas
- Árboles instalados a lo largo de los bordes
- Instalaciones para mayor comodidad (basureros/reciclaje, mesas, etc.)

Las mejoras a Clark Park llegan en un momento en que el suroeste de Detroit está experimentando un importante renacimiento de parques. Este verano, la ciudad completará la transformación de Riverside Park y el nuevo Parque Centenario Ralph Wilson que está en construcción y que se conectará con Joe Louis Greenway a través de Southwest Greenway recientemente terminado. El miércoles 28 de junio, la Ciudad cortó la cinta de la renovación de $7 millones del Parque Roosevelt, que une Mexicantown con Corktown frente al nuevo campus de Michigan Central.

"Los vecindarios más sólidos son los que tienen parques excelentes y los residentes que viven cerca de Clark Park ahora tienen un parque en su colonia, de primera clase al que pueden caminar o ir en bicicleta", dijo el alcalde Duggan. "Somos afortunados de haber tenido algunos socios filantrópicos que han ayudado a hacer posible este día".

La mayor parte de los fondos para las extensas renovaciones de Clark Park fueron posibles gracias a $2.3 millones de Invest Detroit a través del Fondo Estratégico de Vecindarios.

"Invest Detroit se enorgullece de haber sido parte de las mejoras en Clark Park", dijo Maureen Anway, vicepresidenta de evaluación de programas de Invest Detroit. "Hicimos estas inversiones después de una amplia participación y aportes de los vecinos y estudiantes. Ese compromiso es un componente crítico del éxito continuo del Fondo Estratégico de Vecindario".

El Fondo Estratégico de Vecindarios de Detroit, una iniciativa de $150 millones lanzada en 2016 por el alcalde Duggan e Invest Detroit tiene el enfoque de aprovechar las inversiones en cuatro áreas clave: mejoramiento de parques, paisajes urbanos, corredores comerciales y viviendas unifamiliares. A lo largo del camino, los planes se guían por los aportes de los residentes, lo que les permite decidir el futuro de sus vecindarios.

$965,000 en fondos para las renovaciones del parque provienen de la Ciudad de Detroit, y el resto de los fondos del proyecto provienen de inversiones realizadas por la Fundación de la Familia Gilbert y la Fundación Kresge. El proyecto también recibió apoyo financiero del Acuerdo de Beneficios Comunitarios del Puente Internacional Gordie Howe.

"Nuestras inversiones en espacios públicos como Clark Park crean oportunidades para que los residentes se conecten, mejoren su bienestar, incrementen su salud y fortalezcan su sentido de comunidad", dijo JJ Vélez, director de espacios públicos de la Fundación de la Familia Gilbert. "La renovación masiva de Clark Park es especialmente significativa, no solo porque es uno de los parques más antiguos y utilizados de Detroit, sino porque es muy apreciado por la comunidad y los residentes del suroeste de Detroit".

Traducción por Carmen Elena Luna

Editor's Note: Maureen Anway of Invest Detroit shared this additional history of the project with EL CENTRAL on a key component of the project, Participatory Budgeting.

Over 6 years ago, a Hubbard Farms resident asked Invest Detroit to consider funding a process called Participatory Budgeting. Invest Detroit said "yes" and made $330,000 available to residents who managed the process to say how that money was spent. Over 11 organizations, 36 residents, and more than 40 Western International High School students led the process to spend this money. They collected over 532 ideas from 231 different people. Residents selected 16 ideas to turn into more detailed proposals that were put on a ballot for residents and students at Western to vote on.

Three ideas were selected by residents:

- Adding more benches, picnic tables, trash cans, etc. to Clark Park
- Creating a chill zone where youth can hang out after school, and
- Building an accessible playground for children of all abilities

Invest Detroit is deeply grateful to the residents who put in hundreds of hours to engage their neighbors in brainstorming and designing these ideas.

This project is an excellent example of Invest Detroit's mission to invest in communities. Revitalization in neighborhoods can't just lead with real estate and investment in new residents, it also needs to consider everyday amenities and support for existing residents. SNF does that through things such as the Clark Park or Bagley Streetscape improvements.

Nota del editor: Maureen Anway de Invest Detroit compartió esta historia adicional del proyecto con EL CENTRAL sobre un componente clave del proyecto, el Presupuesto Participativo.

Hace más de 6 años, un residente de Hubbard Farms le pidió a Invest Detroit que considerara financiar un proceso llamado Presupuesto Participativo. Invest Detroit aceptó y puso $330,000 a disposición de los residentes que gestionaron el proceso para decidir cómo se gastaría ese dinero. Más de 11 organizaciones, 36 residentes y más de 40 estudiantes de Western International High School lideraron el proceso. Recolectaron más de 532 ideas de 231 personas diferentes. Los residentes seleccionaron 16 ideas para desarrollarlas, las cuales se sometieron a votación con los residentes y estudiantes de Western.

Tres ideas fueron seleccionadas por los residentes:

- Agregar más bancas, mesas de picnic, basureros, etc. a Clark Park
- Crear una zona de relajación donde los jóvenes puedan pasar el rato después de la escuela
- Construcción de un área de juego, accesible para niños de todas las capacidades

Invest Detroit está profundamente agradecido con los residentes que dedicaron cientos de horas para involucrar a sus vecinos en la lluvia de ideas y el diseño de éstas.

Este proyecto es un excelente ejemplo la misión de Invest Detroit, de invertir en las comunidades. La revitalización de los vecindarios no solo puede llevarse a cabo con bienes raíces e inversiones en nuevos residentes, sino que también debe considerar las comodidades y el apoyo para los residentes existentes. El Fondo Estratégico de Vecindarios SNF hace eso a través de proyectos como las mejoras de Clark Park o Bagley Streetscape.

Joy before formalities: Two local children play by the splash pad prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Photo and caption by Alejandro Ugalde/ Kopalli Media

Hector Santiago, Senior Associate Forester, City of Detroit (in orange hard hat), Mayor Mike Duggan and the tree cutting crew pose for a photo. Photo and caption by Alejandro Ugalde/ Kopalli Media

Children enjoying the newly built playground. Courtesy of the City of Detroit

The park renovations include a new picnic shelter near the playscape. Courtesy of the City of Detroit

From left, Maureen Anway of Invest Detroit looks on as Anthony Benavides, Director of the Clark Park Coalition, thanks donors and residents for their contributions to the park renovations. Pictured at far right, Brad Dick, City of Detroit Chief Operatings Officer. Courtesy of the City of Detroit

From the court to camaraderie: Children engaged in a lively game of basketball at the renovated court. Photo and caption by Alejandro Ugalde/ Kopalli Media

Clark Park has its own version of a Giant Slide! Courtesy of the City of Detroit

Celebrating new beginnings: Southwest Detroit neighbors Analis Diaz (15), Camilo Ortega (6), and Alice Anaya (38) enjoy the park's fresh amenities at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Photo and caption by Alejandro Ugalde/ Kopalli Media

No park would be complete without a bench to rest and recharge. Courtesy of the City of Detroit

Neighborhood kids trying out new "outdoor" excersise equipment at Clark Park. Courtesy of the City of Detroit

NBA Draft !!!

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Sports Editor: Dan Graschuck/ EL CENTRAL

This past Thursday, June 22nd, the NBA held the 2023 NBA Draft, from Barclays Center.

The Detroit Pistons have selected Ausar Thompson with the fifth overall pick in the 2023 NBA Draft, and No. 25 overall pick in the first round, Marcus Sasser.

Other athletes from Michigan schools that were drafted, were Jett Howard (from Univeristy of Michigan, drafted #11 in the first round by the Orlando Magic), Kobe Bufkin (from Univeristy of Michigan, drafted #15 in the first round by the Atlanta Hawks), Emoni Bates (from Eastern Michigan University, drafted #49 in the second round by the Cleveland Cavaliers), and signed as a free agent Antoine Davis (University of Detroit Mercy Titans, signed by the Portland Trailblazers).

Davis is being drafted after having one of the greatest college careers in NCAA history, with holding the record in 3 pointers and a high scoring seasons (Davis came 3 points shy 3,664 points of tying and beating Pete Maravich's record of 3,667 points)

Photos below are highlights from the NBA Draft

The Detroit Pistons announced that the club has selected Ausar Thompson with the fifth overall pick in the 2023 NBA Draft (left). Detroit has also agreed in principle to acquire the draft rights to No. 25 overall pick, Marcus Sasser (right). Photo and caption provided by the Detroit Pistons Sports

Eastern Michigan University's Emoni Bates, was drafted #49 in the second round of the NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Photo by Dan Graschuck/ EL CENTRAL

University of Detroit Mercy Titans Antoine Davis, had his best season with the Titans, this past season. Davis is leaving the titans holding the record in 3 pointers and a high scoring seasons (Davis came 3 points shy 3,664 points of tying and beating Pete Maravich's record of 3,667 points). Davis was signed as a free agent by the Portland Trail Blazers. Photo by Adam J. Dewey

For the third consecutive year, the University of Michigan men's basketball team had at least two Wolverines selected in the NBA Draft on Thursday night (June 22) as freshman guard Jett Howard was selected No. 11 overall by the Orlando Magic and sophomore guard Kobe Bufkin was chosen No. 15 overall by the Atlanta Hawks in the 2023 NBA Draft held at the Barclays Center. Photo and caption provided by the University of Michigan Wolverines Sports

Detroit Tigers and Detroit Tigers exchange jerseys at Comerica Park last weekend. New Pistons head coach Monty Williams at left ,with Tigers Skubal, Manning, and Baddoo and first round Piston picks Sasser and Thompson. Courtesy of the Detroit Tigers

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Pateando la No. 5

UNBEATEN RUN ENDS AT KEYWORTH

David Levine
EL CENTRAL

Detroit City had only one home game during June. A bumper crowd of 6,669 filed into Keyworth, hoping that a five match unbeaten run boded well going into the second half of the season. Unfortunately, Orange County came in with other ideas and the game looked more like last season's home games, many of which ended in frustration. The 1-0 defeat, like so many last year at Keyworth, turned into more dropped points at home.

Le Rouge has to turn Keyworth into a fortress, protecting the home front. The crowd does its part for ninety minutes. The constant din from the Northern Guard functions as the rallying call. Yet, too often, the team cannot come through. Back-to-back home wins against San Antonio and Birmingham in May gave the impression that the team had turned the corner, but this defeat will not sit well. They had chances to score, but most the final shots were weak and straight at Orange County goalkeeper Ryan Shutler.

Trevor James has been starting a more consistent lineup lately, but the team took two hits. First, utility defender Michael Bryant did not dress for this game. He has filled in admirably at all three defender positions and occasionally in midfield, becoming a crowd favorite. Then, midfielder Adboulaye Diop had to come off after 34 minutes. On a positive note, defender Matt Lewis returned after a two-month absence for the final twenty-five minutes. That meant the first choice back three of Lewis, Stephen Carroll, and Devon Amoo-Mensah played together for the first time in almost a year.

While the defending on Orange County's goal wasn't great, the real issues came further up the field, where the attack continues to sputter. City has only scored more than one goal in a game twice this year, wins over El Paso and Hartford. Otherwise it's been one or zero. Ben Morris looked like breaking out with his brace against Hartford, but has gone silent again. Skage Simonsen holds the ball well, but hasn't been a consistent threat to score. James traded for forward Dario Suarez hoping that a one-time nemesis could come good, but he has yet to spark anything in a role as a second half substitute.

On Friday night, Le Rouge travels to Tulsa to meet a team currently lower than them in the standings. This game, like a lot of them coming up, is a must win. DCFC slipped out of the playoff positions with the loss to Orange County. As the season reaches the midway point with the Tulsa game, they have to start picking up wins or risk losing touch with the top half of the table.

USA 'B' STRUGGLES AGAINST JAMAICA

After confidently dispatching Mexico and Canada in the Nations League, the USA went into the CONCACAF Gold Cup with a different roster. Only number one goalkeeper Matt Turner from the regulars in the top side stayed to play the Gold Cup. He demonstrated his considerable abilities in the tournament opener against Jamaica with a penalty save and a strong performance in a poor 1-1 draw.

There is a clear drop off from the likes of Christian Pulisic, Weston McKennie, Sergino Dest and others to the group that is trying to repeat as Gold Cup winners. Center backs Matt Miazga and Aaron Long with DeAndre Yedlin and young John Tolkin had a rough time against Jamaica's all-Premier League front four: Michail Antonio (West Ham), Leon Bailey (Aston Villa), Bobby Reid (Fulham), and Demarai Gray (Everton). Their pace and power were hard to handle during the first half. Long went off at halftime, having been at fault on Jamaica's goal, and was replaced by nineteen year old Jalen Neal. The team settled during the second forty-five minutes and dictated play as the Jamaicans began to wear out.

Only when BJ Callaghan, still interim manager, brought on a center forward in Brandon Vazquez did the US start to be dangerous in the Jamaican penalty area. Vazquez rewarded the coach's decision with an 89th minute equalizer to spare the US an embarrassing start to their title defense. If Callaghan can find a stronger starting group than the one that opened against Jamaica, wins over St. Kitts and Nevis and a hastily assembled Trinidad and Tobago will see the Americans into the quarterfinals with a shot at a deep run.

Orange Count SC Defeat DCFC Mens

Photos provided by Detroit City FC (photographer Jon DeBoer)

EDITORIAL OPINION

"Go Back To Mexico!"

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

Then Del Mar Attorney Roger Hedgecock and I served on the campaign of State Assemblyman Houston Flournoy, the 1974 GOP candidate for California governor. When Roger successfully ran for County Supervisor I supported him. When he ran for mayor I made a maximum contribution to his campaign. He romped in the Mayor's race.

When Mayor Hedgecock was indicted for 13 felony counts of lying on campaign contribution reports, I supported him. The first jury voted 11 to 1 for conviction. When he was retried I supported him.

When convicted, he was removed from office. He moved into a radio talk show studio.

The Hedgecock show was daily xenophobia about Mexico and Mexicans ripping off the United States and invading it with illegal aliens. His show was number one in San Diego, the 8th largest city in the U.S. and the largest American city on the Mexican border.

He even substituted for the late Rush Limbaugh, until Limbaugh discovered Hedgecock's 13 felony convictions.

My home newspaper was La Prensa-San Diego. From time to time San Diego daily newspapers published me. The daily North County Times hired me and I introduced Darrell Issa to the world as a winning congressional candidate and representative in 2000 now working on three decades in office.

Nationally, the New York Times hired me for its New American News Service of the New York Times Syndicate.

On radio, Hedgecock would taunt me over the air until I called in. Those calls, some of which led to on-air 20-30 minute debates, eventually led to his radio station hiring me for my own talk show. That led to television.

Staking out positions that supported Mexico, Mexicans and immigrants was easy for me. After all, I was an honor student at San Diego's Herbert Hoover High School and made college honor rolls. I became a published writer/journalist/author, a speaker of English/Spanish. It helped that I was actually born in Mexico, born a U.S. citizen.

I came to the U.S. and San Diego when I was three -- speaking only or mostly Spanish until the third grade.

Between my 18th birthday and my 26th I proudly served eight years, active and in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve in San Diego's accomplished 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division. In all San Diego radio, I was the only United States Marine on radio talk or news shows.

Audience? I had a base of 1.3 million Spanish speaking residents in San Diego County plus millions more in Los Angeles, Imperial Valley and Orange County. Plus, Tijuana's Spanish speakers who also speak English.

Add in 50,000 active duty U.S. Marines stationed in Southern California Marine bases, their families and thousands of retired Marines and their families. On weeknights and Saturday/Sunday mornings, I led the a.m. radio ratings; I even beat NPR that I listened to before I was hired to talk on radio.

Before I was hired, I showed up when Hedgecock asked me to appear on his show, usually to debate some right-wing nut about immigration. Those encounters led to my own show.

Then one day I was in the Hedgecock studio debating a former Army sergeant who had no college and easily handled anything he put forward. Expecting an embarrassing anti-American answer, the former Mayor asked me a question that could have come out of Donald Trump's mouth.

"If," he asked ignorantly, "the United States and Mexico went to war, which side would you support?"

Obviously insulted, I coldly looked at a man who never served in the U.S. military and slowly replied, "My eight years service in the United States Marine Corps speaks for itself. I not only served Roger, I loved it. Oorah!"

Ignorant demands about four elected U.S. citizen congress people (The SQUAD), three of whom were born here, demanding they go back "to where they came from," brings back that memory.

There are people who respond to my weekly columns with taunts aimed at my work and my very presence in the U.S.; they "suggest" I go back to where I came from; or, ask which side I would be on in a U.S war with Mexico.

To all those people, all of them regardless of rank, social or economic strata or color of skin -- I laugh.

Semper Fi! -- always faithful to the U.S. of A. and the Marines and the people who admire and honor them.

Oorah!

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Medicaid and CHIP Help Families Access Mental Health Services for Kids

(StatePoint) The state of mental health among youth continues to be of public concern. According to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Survey, youth mental health problems have increased significantly over the past decade, reaching an all-time high.

For instance, from 2011 to 2021, the rate of female high school students saying they feel sad or hopeless increased from 36% to 57%; for male students this rate increased from 21% to 29%.

Stressors at school, home or elsewhere can cause mental health disorders to arise, leading to negative impacts on how children learn and build relationships with others. If your child may need mental health support and doesn't currently have health coverage, you have options. Free or low-cost coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offers many benefits, including doctor's visits, prescriptions, emergencies and the coverage of behavioral health services, including mental health services through pediatricians, mental health professionals, local community providers and organizations, as well as school systems. People who are pregnant or postpartum may also be eligible for this health coverage and mental and behavioral health services.

Who qualifies for Medicaid or CHIP? Eligibility varies by state and is determined by how many people are in a household and household income. For instance, in most states, a family of four with household income up to $60,000 per year may qualify for Medicaid, CHIP or both. To learn more about state-specific options, visit InsureKidsNow.gov or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW. Enrollment is open year-round.

What if my child currently has Medicaid or CHIP coverage? Medicaid and CHIP coverage must be renewed annually. If you or your children have Medicaid or CHIP, it's time to pay attention to your health coverage. Keep an eye on the mail for renewal information from your state. When it comes, complete the forms and send them back right away. Failure or delay in responding can result in you losing coverage, even if you are eligible for Medicaid and CHIP. If you have lost coverage, go to HealthCare.gov to find quality plans and help paying costs.

What types of services are covered through Medicaid and CHIP? To help care for all parts of a child's health, Medicaid and CHIP also cover routine health care visits, like preventive care, dental and vision checkups, specialist visits, physical, speech and occupational therapies, and emergency services. These programs also cover a wide range of mental health and substance use services such as counseling, peer support services, inpatient psychiatric services and case management services for needed medical, educational and social services. Services are covered through Medicaid for children and teens up to age 21 and through CHIP up to age 19.

States have flexibility to determine if services may be delivered using telehealth. These services are necessary to prevent, diagnose and treat a broad range of mental health symptoms and disorders, as well as substance use disorders.

Caring for mental health is caring for overall health. Early detection and intervention of mental health and substance use issues is crucial to the overall health of kids, teens and people during and after pregnancy, and may reduce or eliminate the effects of a condition if detected and treated early. Take the time today to explore coverage options through Medicaid and CHIP.

Information provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Medicaid y CHIP ayudan a las familias a acceder a los servicios de salud mental para niños

(StatePoint) El estado de la salud mental entre los jóvenes sigue siendo motivo de preocupación pública. De acuerdo con la última Encuesta de comportamiento de riesgo juvenil de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades, los problemas de salud mental de los jóvenes han aumentado significativamente durante la última década, alcanzando un máximo histórico.

Por ejemplo, de 2011 a 2021, la tasa de estudiantes de secundaria que dijeron sentirse tristes o sin esperanza aumentó del 36 % al 57 %; para los estudiantes varones esta tasa aumentó del 21% al 29%.

Los factores estresantes en la escuela, el hogar o en cualquier otro lugar pueden causar que surjan trastornos de salud mental, lo que tiene un impacto negativo en la forma en que los niños aprenden y construyen relaciones con los demás. Si su hijo puede necesitar apoyo de salud mental y actualmente no tiene cobertura de salud, tiene opciones. La cobertura gratuita o de bajo costo a través de Medicaid y el Programa de seguro médico para niños (CHIP) ofrece muchos beneficios, incluidas visitas al médico, recetas, emergencias y la cobertura de servicios de salud del comportamiento, incluidos servicios de salud mental a través de pediatras, profesionales de la salud mental, proveedores comunitarios locales. y organizaciones, así como sistemas escolares.

Las personas que están embarazadas o en posparto también pueden ser elegibles para esta cobertura de salud y servicios de salud mental y del comportamiento.

¿Quién califica para Medicaid o CHIP? La elegibilidad varía según el estado y está determinada por cuántas personas hay en un hogar y los ingresos del hogar. Por ejemplo, en la mayoría de los estados, una familia de cuatro con un ingreso familiar de hasta $60,000 por año puede calificar para Medicaid, CHIP o ambos. Para obtener más información sobre las opciones específicas del estado, visite InsureKidsNow.gov o llame al 1-877-KIDS-NOW. La inscripción está abierta todo el año.

¿Qué sucede si mi hijo actualmente tiene cobertura de Medicaid o CHIP? La cobertura de Medicaid y CHIP debe renovarse anualmente. Si usted o sus hijos tienen Medicaid o CHIP, es hora de prestar atención a su cobertura de salud. Esté atento al correo para obtener información de renovación de su estado. Cuando llegue, complete los formularios y envíelos de vuelta de inmediato. Si no responde o se demora en responder, puede perder la cobertura, incluso si es elegible para Medicaid y CHIP. Si ha perdido la cobertura, visite HealthCare.gov para encontrar planes de calidad y ayuda para pagar los costos.

¿Qué tipos de servicios están cubiertos por Medicaid y CHIP? Para ayudar a cuidar todas las partes de la salud de un niño, Medicaid y CHIP también cubren las visitas de atención médica de rutina, como atención preventiva, chequeos dentales y de la vista, visitas a especialistas, terapias físicas, del habla y ocupacionales, y servicios de emergencia. Estos programas también cubren una amplia gama de servicios de salud mental y abuso de sustancias, como asesoramiento, servicios de apoyo entre pares, servicios psiquiátricos para pacientes internados y servicios de administración de casos para los servicios médicos, educativos y sociales necesarios. Los servicios están cubiertos a través de Medicaid para niños y adolescentes hasta los 21 años y a través de CHIP hasta los 19 años.

Los estados tienen flexibilidad para determinar si los servicios pueden prestarse mediante telesalud. Estos servicios son necesarios para prevenir, diagnosticar y tratar una amplia gama de síntomas y trastornos de salud mental, así como trastornos por uso de sustancias.

Cuidar la salud mental es cuidar la salud en general. La detección e intervención tempranas de los problemas de salud mental y consumo de sustancias es crucial para la salud general de los niños, adolescentes y personas durante y después del embarazo, y puede reducir o eliminar los efectos de una afección si se detecta y trata a tiempo. Tómese el tiempo hoy para explorar las opciones de cobertura a través de Medicaid y CHIP.

Información proporcionada por el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de EE. UU.

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Schedule and Programs are subject to change.

Co-Ed Baseball: Monday –Thursday
Béisbol Niño y Niñas: Lunes - Jueves
11:00-12:30 p.m. (edades-ages- 8-12)
1:30-3:30 p.m. (edades-ages-13-15)
3:30-5:00 p.m. Cleanup

Girls' Fast Pitch Softball: Monday –Friday
Softball Rápido para Niñas: Lunes - Jueves
1:00-2:00 p.m. (edades-ages 5-8)
2:00-3:30 p.m. (edades-ages 9-10)
3:30-5:00 p.m. (Edades-ages 11-13
5:00-6:30 High School (edades-ages 14-16)
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Free Lunch at Clark Park, Monday – Thursday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
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Outdoor Arts & Crafts: Fridays
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Co-Ed Disc Golf: Thursdays
Disc Golf, Niños y Niñas: Jueves
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Co-Ed Juggling: Wednesdays
Juggling para Niños y Niñas: Miércoles
1:00-2:00 p.m. (edades- ages 8-18)

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ATTENCION: Todos los niño's tienen que estar registrados llenando una forma de deslinde de responsabilidades, (intake and waiver forms). Traer el acta de nacimiento, y la tarjeta de Medicaid

- Traer su propia agua y ponerle su nombre en su botella de agua, gorra, y ponerse su favorita cream para proteccion solar.
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